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Big Staff Carries on President's Work

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WASHINGTON—The White House staff continues to function as the executive center of government regardless of President Eisenhower's temporary confinement.

The President planned it that way.

The largest staff in history handles the chief executive's office business. The system has evolved over the years, growing with each administration.

It has been set up since 1953 somewhat on military lines with responsibility and duties defined. Authority flows either to the President, or to his chief assistant, Sherman Adams, or both.

At the top of the heap, next to Mr. Eisenhower, is Adams, former governor of New Hampshire. He would be chief of staff in a military organization.

Vice-President Nixon is not a member of the staff. In the President's absence now he presides over the Cabinet and the National Security Council. His authority in policy decisions has yet to be established in the absence of the President.

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Adams and Nixon recently have been conferring with the President at Denver, as he gained strength, although some reports that would ordinarily go to the Chief Executive are being held until the President can pass on them.

While top people have most frequent and direct access to the President under normal conditions, every man on the

staff is in that office when his presence is required.

"You would expect," said one of the staffers, "that after three years jealousies would develop, there would be personal axes to grind, a splitting into factions. Those things have not happened."

Maj. Gen. Wilton B. "Jerry" Persons (retired), as deputy assistant to the President, has a dual role. He works directly with Adams, and is responsible for congressional contacts.

In his congressional relations Persons is assisted in the Senate by I. Jack Martin, the late Sen. Robert A. Taft's secretary, and Homer H. Gruenther, secretary to the late Sen. Wherry (R., Neb.).

Bryce N. Harlow and Earle D. Chesney, former congressmen, are House assistants.

Press Secretaries

James C. Hagerty, press secretary, and his assistant, Murray Snyder, are responsible for public relations contacts.

As counsel to the President, Gerald D. Morgan is responsible for executive orders, documents and legislative act review.

Bernard M. Shanley as secretary to the President is responsible for appointments. He works directly with the President, normally.

Gabriel Hauge, as senior administrative assistant, has economics as his field. He works closely with the President's council of economic advisers, headed by Arthur F. Burns.

Kevin McCann, special assistant, heads the staff of speech writers. He is responsible to Adams and the President for drafting messages to Congress and other public White House documents.

Under the heading of special policy assistants are these men, who report to the President:

Joseph M. Dodge, foreign

economic policies, such as dollar aid; Nelson A. Rockefeller, international relations, "the cold war," psychological war, and the like; Dillon Anderson, national security affairs, and Harold E. Stassen, disarmament.

Anderson works closely with the National Security Council, of which the President is ordinarily chairman. It is a Cabinet within the Cabinet for foreign and defense affairs.

Former Arizona Gov. Howard Pyle is in charge of state government contacts.

Former Nebraska Sen. Fred A. Seaton looks after co-ordinating interdepartment relations.

Col. Andrew J. Goodpaster, brought from his association with Ike at SHAEF (Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces) in World War II, is White House staff secretary. He has charge of all clerks, correspondence, and confidential papers.

Maxwell M. Rabb, as secretary to the Cabinet, works mostly with Adams in setting up programs for Cabinet meetings, and co-ordinating Cabinet sessions.

Budget Work

Budget Director Rowland R. Hughes supervises preparation of the budget, working through his staff with all departments and agencies.

As chief of the central intelligence agency, Allen W. Dulles works through the National Security Council and Dillon Anderson—his daily intelligence reports go to the top through staff secretary Goodpaster.

Defense Mobilization Director Arthur Flemming is a member of the National Security Council and works through it most of the time.



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